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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) PROPOSED MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM CAROLINE SEVERANCE MANOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

May 26, 2009

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), as required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), is opening a public review and comment period for the proposal submitted by Mercy Housing California, Project Sponsors of the Caroline Severance Manor Project proposed to be funded through the MHSA Housing Program. Through the MHSA Housing Program, LACDMH was allocated \$115,571,200 for capital development and capitalized operational subsidies for permanent supportive housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities and their families. As required by the program, the funds were transferred to California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), who will administer the funds and underwrite the loans. The project is located in Service Area 4 and Supervisorial District 2 and will target homeless adults to occupy 30 one bedroom units and children as the MHSA eligible tenant and their families will occupy 18 multi bedroom units. They are requesting a MHSA Capital Development loan of \$5,031,840 and \$4,516,800 for Operating Subsidies for the 48 MHSA funded units, of an 85 unit project, which will be dedicated to individuals with psychiatric disability.

The public review and comment period will run from May 26, 2009 through June 26, 2009. The documents under review will be posted on the LACDMH website (<http://dmh.lacounty.info/mhsa/>) and hard copies are available from LACDMH Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Any member of the public may request a hard copy of the document by contacting Dr. Maria Funk, District Chief, at (213) 251-6582.

Please e-mail your input, recommendations and comments to MHSApubliccomment@dmh.lacounty.gov or submit written comments to Dr. Maria Funk, Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, 10th Floor, and Los Angeles, CA 90005 or by fax to (213) 637-2336.

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